

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to honor the efforts of Kirkwood police officers Chris Nelson and Gary Wagster in their rescue of Ben Ownby and Shawn Hornbeck.

Because of these officers' keen skills, these young boys have been reunited to their families and may return to the business of growing up. By their efforts, Officers Nelson and Wagster have given hope to the many families who long for their children's homecoming.

The officers may say that they ``simply did their job." However, Madam Speaker, this simply demonstrates the importance and value of the police officers who serve and protect our communities.

Officers Chris Nelson and Gary Wagster are every day heroes, and I am honored to recognize their great work.

I thank them both for their service to our community.